

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1057
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.02.2025**

ESIC SCHEME

1057. SHRI MALAIYARASAN D:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the features and the benefits which provides to workers by the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) scheme;**
- (b) the details of the current statistics on the number of beneficiaries covered under the ESIC scheme across the country including Kallakurichi Constituency of Tamil Nadu;**
- (c) whether there has been a significant increase in the number of beneficiaries under the ESIC scheme over the last few years, if so, the details thereof including Kallakurichi Constituency of Tamil Nadu;**
- (d) whether the Government has expanded the network of ESIC facilities across the country including Tamil Nadu in light of the increase in beneficiaries; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof including the new facilities establish and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SUSHRI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE)**

(a): Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) provides social security to the employees working in factories / establishments with 10 or more employees in the districts notified by the Central Government. The employees and family members of those employees as defined in ESI Act, 1948 of these factories/establishments drawing wages up to ₹21000/- per month (₹ 25,000/- for persons with disability) are covered under the ESI Act and are eligible to avail benefits available under the Scheme. These benefits are: medical benefit, sickness benefit, maternity benefit, disablement benefit, dependents benefit and funeral expenses. Besides, some other need-based benefits such as Unemployment Allowances under Atal Beemit Vyakti Kalyan Yojana (ABVKY) & Rajiv Gandhi Shramik Kalyan Yojana (RGSKY) are also provided to Insured Persons.

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(b) & (c): The details of beneficiaries covered under ESIC scheme across the country including districts of Tamil Nadu as well as Kallakurichi constituency during the during 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 are as under:

Year	No. of Beneficiaries
2021-22	12,03,59,812
2022-23	13,30,73,951
2023-24	14,43,59,629

(d) & (e): Setting up of ESI hospitals / dispensaries is a continuous process. ESI Corporation accords approval for setting up of new hospitals / dispensaries based on certain norms / Insured Person (IP) population criteria within a particular area. Further, ESI Corporation has accorded “in-principle” approval for setting up of 104 new ESI hospitals and 166 ESI dispensaries across the country including Tamil Nadu in order to expand the network of medical facilities across the country keeping in view increasing number of Insured Persons and beneficiaries.
